



**CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ZONAL OFFICE (SOUTH),
BANGALORE-10**

Minutes of the meeting on Study Visit of Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology and Environment and Forests held during 13-14, March, 2014 in Visakhapatnam.

Background

With reference to the letter No. RS.8/1/2014-S&T, dated 28th February, 2014 of Sh. Girija Shankar Prasad, Deputy Director, Rajyasabha Secretariat, Government of India, addressed to Ministry of Environment and Forest, a study visit of Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology and Environment and Forests, has been proposed during 11-15, March, 2014 and then it was rescheduled during 13-14, March, 2014 to Visakhapatnam vide the letter no. H-11013/07/2014-CPW, dated 11th March 2013 of MoEF. This office was requested to attend the meeting along with study material during 13-14, March, 2014 in Vizag. The following officials of Central Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office (South) have made visit to Vizag:

1. Sh. Suresh, Zonal Officer, CPCB, Bangalore
2. Dr. K. Ranganathan, Scientist 'C', CPCB, Bangalore

The above officials reached Vizag on 12th March and had meeting with Sh. Ravi Kumar, Regional Officer, APPCB, Vizag and Sh. K.V. Rao, Zonal Officer, APPCB. All the issues related to Vizag problem area, CEPI status and other issues were discussed. A study material prepared by CPCB and the presentation material prepared by APPCB were submitted to the Hon'ble Committee Members. The observations of the visits and discussion held in the meeting were depicted as below:

1. The Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee, Sh. Subirami Reddy and two other members Sh. O.S. Manian and Sh. Ramashanker Rajbhar of Lok Saba arrived Vizag Airport on 13th March, 2014 at 10.30 am. The members were welcomed by the Heads of RINL, HPCL, Regional Officer, MoEF and Zonal Officer, CPCB in the Airport.
2. The Hon'ble Committee members visited the plantation sites at Airport and Autonagar and Tata Cancer Hospital to see the status and growth of the plants. A meeting was held at Tata Cancer Hospital Centre at 11.30 am and various issues related to the development of the hospital were discussed. They informed that the centre would become one of the best cancer centres in India. The issues such as land

acquisition and re-habitation of public, connectivity to the rail way station to the centre were discussed.

3. The committee visited the area to see status of the progress of tree plantation developed by NTPC and Vizag Steel plant at Parvada. The committee members also made sapling in the Parvada area. The committee members also visited the Steel plant.
4. On 14th March, 2014, a meeting was started at 9.30 am and the public and private sectors industries representatives such as Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Naval Dock yard, Hindustan shipyard, HPCL, RINL, Port Authority, Coromandal Fertilizer, BHEL, RIL, Essar, Department of Atomic Energy, Railway Board and Government officials from MoEF and CPCB have participated. In view of election code of conduct, the officers from State Pollution Control Board, and other State Government Departments did not attend the meeting.
5. Chairman of the committee welcomed all the participants and highlighted the importance of the review meeting and regretted the less progress in implementation of the Green Visakha project during the year 2013-14. He recollected the assessment of CPCB in 1991 and declaration of problem area. All the actions made in Vizag to reduce the CEPI value was appreciated. The Chairman requested all the participants to make introduction and requested each public and private sector to highlight the actions taken for control of air and water pollution.
6. CEO of Vizag Steel Plant (RINL) Sh. Madhusudan informed that they are committed for the compliance of environmental standards and they are within the limits of standards prescribed by State pollution Control Board in water, air and hazardous waste pollution. It is one of the lowest water consuming plants in India. They installed CAAQM for public domain and online stack analyser for APPCB website. They have completed plantation target for the year 2012-13 and for the year 2013-14, the plantation work will start from March 2014.
7. M/s HPCL, ED and top Executives from Mumbai attended the meeting. The chairman of the committee questioned on hydrocarbon reduction and other pollution control strategies taken including oil spillage control in coastal region. They have installed desulphurization plant at the cost of 1000 crores and have installed low NOx burner to reduce NOx reduction. They informed that they can survive only if the expansion of the plant is approved and requested the committee to recommend for EC from MoEF. The Chairman of the committee insisted them to complete the remaining plantation target.
8. Eastern Naval Command informed that they have taken all actions for control of pollution. They have full-fledged effluent treatment plant, biomedical incinerator and sewage treatment plant. They have completed the target in case of Green Vaisakha Project.
9. Vizag Port Trust (VPT) is the only organization not yet completed the action plan as per CEPI. They have completed only 50% mechanization of the coal and ore transportation. They will complete the remaining mechanization of work within a year. Already an amount of Rs. 3000 crores have been sanctioned for the work. As the target of the plantation was not completed, Chairman of the Committee cautioned the

port authority that port is the most polluting firm in Vizag and they have to carry out the plantation including the back log target.

10. Many questions were asked to the Department of Atomic Energy regarding the future plan and current status in energy production. The actions taken for pollution reduction were also explained by the Director.
11. The private sectors like M/s Ramky, M/s Coromandal Fertilizer and M/s Essar were asked to complete the green Vaisakha target without any delay and the back log of the previous years have to be carried over to the next financial year.
12. The public sector organisation M/s BHEL explained their process involved which is an ISO certified company. Due to financial problem, the industry could not contribute for the green Vaisakha project. The Railway Department has highlighted the actions taken for management of environmental pollution.
13. The efforts taken in the region of Vizag to reduce pollution was appreciated by the members of parliament.

The meeting ended with thanks to all.



Meeting at Tata cancer Hospital campus



View of plantation sites under Green Visakha Project

